

Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes

Meeting of May 12, 2015

Present: Chairman Larry Fast and Commissioners Kathy Fisher, Joyce Kanigel, Joseph Macasek, Miriam Morris, Kathy Murphy, Elliott Ruga and Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz.

Apologies: Epsy Farrell, Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika and Freeholder Director Kathryn DeFillippo.

Call to order: Chairman Fast called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library at 9:38 a.m. He read the Open Meeting Statement.

Minutes: the minutes for April 14 were accepted as submitted.

Freeholder Report: no report.

Financial Report: see Report for 05/11/2015 attached to the meeting package for May 12, 2015.

- Acting Director Shultz introduced the new Morris County Operating Expense budget system report format. Note that income will be shown in parentheses. She will be verifying the figures with her Excel spreadsheet.
- There is one more membership outstanding.
- Buildings and Grounds will pay for the ultraviolet window treatment.
- The rolling shelf expenditure will be before the freeholders for approval on May 13.

Chairman's Report: attached to the meeting package for May 12, 2015.

Referring to the Morris County Historic Preservation Fund grant round, Chairman Fast explained that 46 applicants are competing for \$2.3 million with requests totaling \$5.3 million. Previously there were about 30 applicants with requests totaling \$3.3 million.

Office Report: attached to the meeting package for May 12, 2015

Archives and Facilities

- Buildings and Grounds are in the process of installing a viewing window between the archives room and side office.

Committee reports

Archives: Kathy Murphy and Joe Macasek, Co-Chairs.

See office report above and attached.

Grants/Re-grants: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair

See office report attached. Site visits are ongoing.

Long-Range Plan: Epsy Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Co-Chairs

Commissioner Farrell is waiting for reports from several committee chairmen and will need a facilities and personnel update.

Marker Program: Kathy Fisher, Chair

No updates to report.

- Commissioner Fisher is still attempting to contact the applicant for the Vail Mansion. Acting Director Shultz will send a letter.

Personnel: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair

No updates to report.

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Public Programs/Exhibits: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair

No updates to report.

Publications: Elliott Ruga, Chair

- Kiersten has the software to do the conversion of *Gone to Wear the Victor's Crown*.
- Commissioner Ruga had handed the newsletter responsibility to Commissioner Farrell. Reprints will be on the front page with the Pathways artwork. Boonton historic park and Quips and Quotes are ready. The 1ESS article was discussed: there is room for only about half of what was offered. A less technical article is suggested.

Old Business:

No updates to report.

New Business:

- There was discussion about the proposed demolition of Denville's three room Schoolhouse.
- Please note the invitation to the Freeholders' volunteer appreciation reception on May 19 from 5:30p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Commissioner Murphy brought attention to the North Jersey Transportation planning document, "North Jersey Together." A draft is available for comment on line. It contains no mention of historic preservation and does not address historic resources, although it does mention cultural improvement. Commissioner Murphy will draft a letter of comment for MCHC to send.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Morris, Secretary

The next Commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.**
at the County Library.

Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend.